

Japanese Orders Briefly Explained

The Collar of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum

(大勳位菊花章頸飾) (DAIKUN-I KIKKASHO KUBIKAZARI)

Instituted in 1888; given to one who already has the Grand Cordon of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum or given together with the said Cordon. This is the highest order in Japan.

The Grand Cordon of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum

(大勳位菊花大綬章) (DAIKUN-I KIKKADAIJUSHO)

Instituted in 1877; this ranks next after the above-mentioned Collar.

The Grand Cordon of the First Order of the Rising Sun with Paulownia Flowers

(勳一等旭日桐花大綬章)

(KUN ITTO KYOKUJITSU DOKA DAIJUSHO)

Instituted in 1888; this ranks next after the preceding Grand Cordon of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum.

The Order of the Rising Sun

(旭日章) (KYOKUJITSUSHO)

Instituted in 1875; has eight classes - 1st - 8th Order; the Orders have their respective designations as follows:-

1. The Grand Cordon of the First Order of the Rising Sun

(勳一等旭日大綬章)

2. The Second Order of the Rising Sun with Double Rays

(勳二等旭日重光章)

3. The Intermediate Cordon of the Third Order of the Rising Sun (勳三等旭日中綬章)
4. The Minor Cordon of the Fourth Order of the Rising Sun (勳四等旭日小綬章)
5. The Fifth Order of the Rising Sun with Double Rays (勳五等双光旭日章)
6. The Sixth Order of the Rising Sun with Single Rays (勳六等單光旭日章)
7. The Seventh Order of the Rising Sun with Green Paulownia Leaves (勳七等青桐葉章)
8. The Eighth Order of the Rising Sun with White Paulownia Leaves (勳八等白色桐葉章)

The above Orders are given to both Government officials and ordinary civilians for their military or civilian services; they are given only to men.

The Order of the Precious Crown

(寶冠章) (HOKANSHO)

Instituted in 1888; has eight classes - 1st - 8th Order; given to women only.

The Order of the Sacred Treasure

(瑞寶章) (ZUIHDSHO)

Instituted in 1888; has eight classes - 1st - Eighth Order; given to Government officials and ordinary civilians for their military or civil services; given to men and women.

The three preceding Orders rank according to their classes, but when they are of the same class, the Order of the Rising Sun and the Order of the Precious Crown take precedence over the Order of the Sacred Treasure.

The Order of the Golden Kite

(金鵄勲章) (KINSHIKUNSHO)

Instituted in 1890; has 7 classes - 1st - 7th Order; given to soldiers or military or naval employees for distinguished military or naval service.

The Order of Culture

(文化勲章) (BUNKA KUNSHO)

Instituted in 1937; has only one class; given to men and women for distinguished service contributing to the advancement of culture, but so far no woman has been a recipient.

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日本現行勳章概要識別

大勳位菊花大綬章頸飾

一八八八年に創設。大勳位菊花大綬章只有
丁著者に授與する。人は大勳位菊花大綬章者
は授與する。日本最高勳章である。

大勳位菊花大綬章

一八七七年に創設。前記大勳位菊花大綬章頸飾
に次ぐ勳章である。

勳一等旭日桐花大綬章

一八八八年に創設。前記菊花大綬章の次位
する勳章である。

旭日章

一八七五年に創設。勳一等旭日章より前位
旭日章に至る八階級の分類である。勳一等以下
次位には旭日大綬章、旭日重光章、旭日中
綬章、旭日小綬章、雙光旭日章、單光旭日
章、青色桐葉章、白色桐葉章という別名
がある。

No.1 次の勳章は大勳、武功、文官、又官民
を向かず授與する。但一男子に限られてる。

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日本現行勳章概要説明

大勳位菊花大綬章頸飾

一八八八年に創設。大勳位菊花大綬章を有する者は授與する。人は大勳位菊花大綬章と云ふ。授與する。日本最高の勳章である。

大勳位菊花大綬章

一八七七年に創設。前記大勳位菊花大綬章頸飾に次ぐ勳章である。

勳一等旭日桐花大綬章

一八八八年に創設。前記菊花大綬章の次に位する勳章である。

旭日章

一八五二年に創設。勳一等旭日章より勳八等旭日章に至る八階級に分れる。勳一等以下次々につづく旭日大綬章、旭日重光章、旭日中綬章、旭日小綬章、雙光旭日章、單光旭日章、青色桐葉章、白色桐葉章といふ別名を有する。

N.1 次の勳章は大勳、武功、つれに對する又官民を向むて授與する。但、男子に限られてる。